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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASIC PRINCIPLES; FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY, PACE OF TALKS

REF: A) STATE 179533; B) BONN 7405; C) STATE 181677

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH PIERRET, QUAI OFFICER IN CHARGE CSCE, EMBOFF MADE PITCH FOR WORKING OUT REMAINING PROBLEMS ON FRENCH DRAFT OF PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS AMONG STATES (REF A) BEFORE IT IS TABLED AT GENEVA. PIERRET SAID FRENCH CONSIDERED PROBLEMS WITH PARAS 3 AND 8 HAD BEEN RESOLVED WITH FRG AND GOF WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO MUCH FURTHER IN ACCOMMODATING WESTERN OBJECTIONS. HE CLAIMED FRENCH HAD ADOPTED NUMEROUS CHANGES DESIRED BY EC PARTNERS, WHO HAD REACTED FAVORABLY TO DRAFT AS A WHOLE. OTHER CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE AFTER NATO DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT GOF WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO POSITIONS OF NATO COUNTRIES BEING VOICED OPENLY AT GENEVA. WHEN EMBOFF REITERATED ADVANTAGES OF COORDINATED POSITION, PIERRET ARGUED THAT OPEN DISCUSSION WOULD SHOW EASTERN COUNTRIES "DEMOCRACY IN PRACTICE"

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AND COULD RESULT IN SOVIETS BEING MORE FLEXIBLE.

2. PIERRET SAID CZECHS HAD NOT RPT NOT MADE DEMARCHE HERE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR FOLLOW-ON (REF B). ONLY RECENT DEMARCHE ON CSCE IN PARIS HAD BEEN BY MOROCCO. PIERRET SAID FRENCH ATTITUDE ON FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY WAS BASICALLY TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPED AT GENEVA.

3. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE POINTS IN REF C ON PACE OF TALKS. PIERRET SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND AGREED THAT SESSION SHOULD MOVE AT OWN PACE. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT FINAL PHASE MIGHT CULMINATE WITH MEETING AT SUMMIT LEVEL. IRWIN

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